

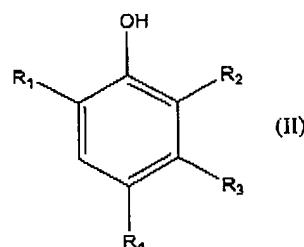
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

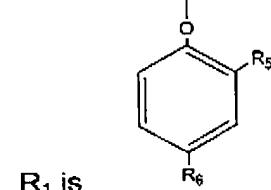
Please cancel Claims 51-58 without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims

59. (new) An antimicrobial composition comprising an antimicrobial effective amount of at least one antimicrobial compound of Formula (II):



wherein



;

R₂ is hydrogen;

R₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; a hydroxyalkyl group; a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is

optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; and benzyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group;

R₄ is hydrogen; and

R₅ is alkoxy;

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen; an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; benzyl, an alkoxy group; phenyl optionally substituted with an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenoxy; and benzyloxy;

with the proviso that:

1) when R₃ is hydrogen, then R₆ is not hydrogen or methyl;

2) when R_3 is hydrogen and R_5 is hydroxyl, then R_6 is not hydrogen;

3) when R_3 is tert butyl and R_5 is hydroxyl, then R_6 is not 4-tert-butyl;

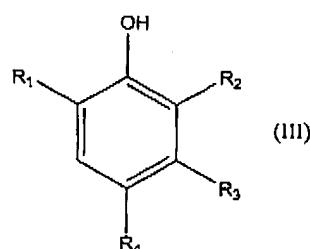
and

an antimicrobial effective carrier.

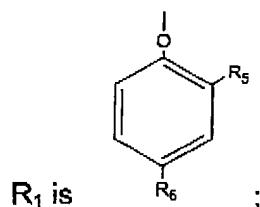
60. (new) The antimicrobial composition of claim 59 wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

61. (new) The antimicrobial composition of claim 59 wherein R_3 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxycycloalkyl, alkenyl, phenyl and benzyl.

62
62. (new) An oral composition comprising an antimicrobial effective amount of at least one antimicrobial compound of Formula (III):



wherein



R_1 is ;

R_2 and R_3 are each independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; a hydroxyalkyl group; a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; and benzyl optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group;

R_4 is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, benzyl, and phenyl;

R_5 is alkoxy; and

R_6 is selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group; a cycloalkyl group; an alkenyl group; a cycloalkenyl group; benzyl, an alkoxy group; phenyl optionally substituted with an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, a

cycloalkenyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; an alkyl group substituted with phenyl in which phenyl is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, and a hydroxycycloalkyl group; phenoxy; and benzyloxy;

and

an orally acceptable carrier.